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round 2

Round 2: Muscles

AREN'T
YOU?

AFH
The muscles are taking shape
Muscles to hit with...
AFH
And to be hit...
AFH
On the arms ...
On the chest and the stomach.

Slowly...
They cover the body of the boy
FASCINATING, ISN'T HE?
THAT'S OBVIOUS ISN'T IT?
IT'S REALLY BEAUTIFUL, A BOXER'S BODY
These muscles
YES
TOO BEAUTIFUL

LIKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE!
RIGHT?
I'm (much) older than he is
I'VE BEEN BOXING FAR LONGER THAN USAGI HAS.
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT YOU!
WHY NOT? I'M A BOXER TOO
PERSONALLY, I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN USAGI
SO I CAN ONLY TALK ABOUT HIM! SORRY

YEAH
COMPLETELY?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET A GUY THIS BEAUTIFUL
SO, THAT MAKES HIM MY FIRST LOVE!
YOU SAY THAT, BUT YOU RE LYING

A LIE?
Haruna Kasumi
YES, EXACTLY.
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHEN I FALL IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME, OKAY?
KASUMI!
KASUMI!
YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HIM!
BUT I KNOW MYSELF VERY WELL!
AND THERE WE HAVE IT!
YOU LOOK TO YOURSELF FOR ARGUMENTS TO REACH THE UNREACHABLE – HENCE YOU'RE LYING.

HMM, MAYBE I LIE TOO MUCH...
...IN MY RELATION-SHIP WITH KASUMI.
I LOVE HER LIKE CRAZY, BUT I'M NOT ABLE TO SAY IT TO HER!
SNIF
She made me angry...
I feel hurt...
It only took a few words
...and perturbed

MY DIET IS WORKING WELL
You're lying!
CLAC
For me to feel weak ...
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
I FELT LIKE TOUCHING YOU

I want something that's real...
At a time like this
Something to reassure me.
...
Take me in your arms...

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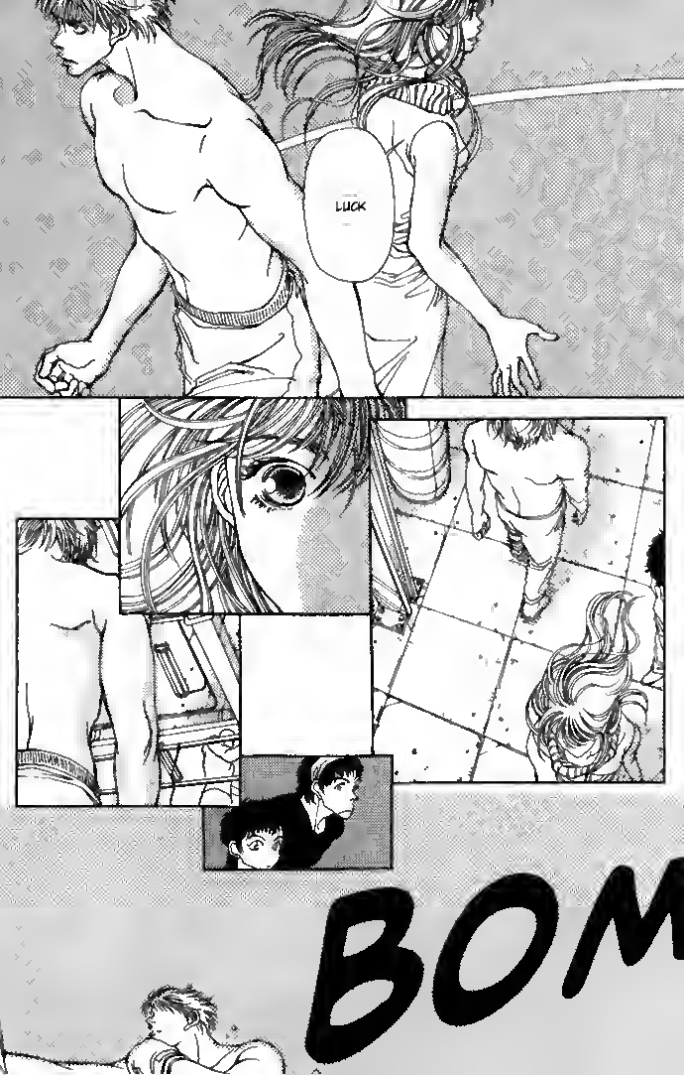
I HEARD THAT GUY IS REALLY STRONG
A RECORDING OF USAGI'S NEXT OPPONENT
WHAT'S THAT?
HE'S REALLY SWIFT
AFTER THAT PUNCH, A ONE-TWO... WHOA! WHAT A GREAT CHAIN!
HIS LEGS LOOK LIKE SPRINGS! HE ALSO HAS A LONG ARM REACH
IT WILL BE HARD TO GIVE HIM A DECISIVE BLOW
I DON'T GET IT
WELL...
GOOD...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BOM BOM
USAGI, ERI!
HEY! WANNA GO GRAB A BITE?
YEAH, LET'S ALL GO TOGETHER!
HEY, ME TOO!
DEAREST USAGI, I FIND YOU TO BE QUITE DISTANT WITH ME LATELY!
ARRRTT PUNCH!!
WHAT!? YOU KILL-JOY!
WHOA!!
COUNT ME OUT.
Not as h
That's not something to be proud of!
Especially after the cold shoulder I got from Kasumi!
Ah that was nice

YOUR REGIMEN WORKED WELL, RIGHT?
BUT I'M STILL NOT COMING
YOU'RE COMING?
DON'T BOTHER... WHEN HE'S LIKE THAT, HE WON'T MOVE AN INCH.
YEAH.
What are we going to do?

MAYBE I MADE A MISTAKE
WHICH IS?
MUNCH MUNCH
PFFF
AGH! GROSS!
SAY, IS FIRST LOVE AND PHYSICAL DESIRE COMPATIBLE?

Becoming harder and harder...
The muscles are working
Again and again...
But these beautiful muscles ...
they aren't made to comfort a woman

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I CAME HERE TO ALLOW HIM TO ADMIRE MY FACE.
SINCE I WAS NEARBY
PLAY SOME TIME
I'D FEEL REALLY SORRY FOR HIM
TO BE K.O.-ED BY A COMPLETE STRANGER
OH WELL, SINCE HE'S NOT HERE
BIG LOSER!
YOUR JOKES AREN'T EVEN FUNNY. GO BACK TO YOSHIMOTO* AND SPEND SOME MORE TIME WORKING ON THEM.

*Yoshimoto is a big school for comedians and entertainers in Osaka and is pretty much the most famous one in Japan

DONG
YOU'RE THE WOMAN OF THAT INFAMOUS USAGI I PRESUME?
IT'S NICE OF YOU TO WORRY ABOUT MY FUTURE!
SO WHAT IF I AM?
BUT IT'S THE FUTURE OF YOUR LITTLE USAGI THAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT...
I'M SURE HE'LL EASILY WIN.
..HAVING SUCH AN UGLY GIRL-FRIEND!

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!? USAGI WILL BECOME THE WORLD CHAMPION!
"YOU'RE LYING."
Shut up!
NEHONI, NOT SO LOUD!
OH, MY!
HE'S SO STRONG THAT YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORTHY OF FACING HIM!
What?
USAGI IS .. HE IS
WHO ARE YOU TO YELL AT ME LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE JUST SOME DUMB BITCH!

I'LL KILL YOU, ASS-HOLE!
!
USAGI!
THAT'S THE GUY-...
!

SPL
AF!
AHH! HE RAN AWAY!
!
Hey!
USAGI!?

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
WHEN HE PASSED ME
HE PUNCHED
GAH!
DAMMIT!
THIS IS CRAP!
DON'T YOU THINK, ERI!?

AREN'T YOU TIRED OF THIS?
AREN'T YOU, ERI?
NEWON! YOU'RE MOUTHING OFF LIKE SOME OLD BOOZER!
And stop grinding my boots
TIRED OF THAT GUY...
...AND OF USAGI'S DAMN SISTER
YUP, I AM!
RIGHT? RIGHT?
I DON'T SEE WHY MY BROTHER LOSES HIS HEAD OVER THAT WOMAN
"NO ONE CAN SEE THE DEPTHS OF THE HUMAN HEART!" SAID MATSUO BASHO!*
She's just making things up!
REALLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE SEES IN THAT WOMAN
DON'T WORRY!
YOU'RE A FAN OF USAGI TOO, AREN'T YOU?
MY BROTHER
HE REALLY APPRECIATES HIM
SO, I TOO

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ERI COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE INVOLVED IN SOME SORT OF OVER-COMPLICATED STORY—
HEY!
BUT
WHOA!
HEY! BE MORE CAREFUL! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
STUFF IT, LOSER!

"SO LISTEN GOOD"
"YOU LOSE YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU GET ANGRY."
"I'LL TEACH YOU A LITTLE TRICK"
WHAT, YOU WANT TO TRY SAYING THAT AGAIN?
YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER, I DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOU!
RUNNING AWAY, HUH?
"WHEN YOU PICK A FIGHT WITH SOMEONE STRONGER THAN YOU..."
HEY, WAIT!
THUMP
MIRACLE TOHAC

"...GO TO THE TOP OF A NARROW STAIRWAY."

Thank you, Yoshinobu!
JR
THE STAIRWAY TRICK IS PRETTY CLEVER
SORRY, BUT I'M REALLY STRESSED OUT THESE DAYS
!
HUH! NEXT TIME, YOU WON'T GET OFF THE HOOK THIS EASILY!
UGLY!

Enough! It's like the whole world is against me!

SPLAF
My skin is yearning
Take me in your arms...
...
BOM
MATTER
HIS PUNCHES ARE WAY FASTER
THAN THE VIDEOS SHOW
...AND HE'S GOT A GREAT REACH...

BOM BAM BOM
OR HE WON'T FALL
I WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE HIM DIRECTLY DECISIVE BLOWS I'LL HAVE TO ATTACK WITH COMBINED TECHNICAL BLOWS...
HE'S GOING TO USE THAT ARM LENGTH TO IT'S FULL EXTENT...
COULD IT BE...
...THAT YOU'RE SCARED, USAGI?
LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

THINK ABOUT IT
WE FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE LOCKED IN THE NARROW RING
NO ONE IS GOING TO HELP YOU
IF THAT GUY CAME TO SEE ME IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS SCARED AS WELL
YOU KNOW, A BOXER'S PUNCH HAS THE SAME STRENGTH AS A SLEDGEHAMMER WIELDED WITH THE FULL STRENGTH OF A BUILT MAN.
IN REALITY, WE GIVE OURSELVES UP FOR MASSACRE.

THEN, MASSACRE HIM!
!
HE CALLED ME UGLY!

... These muscles ...
HMM?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M MAKING A LUCK CHARM SO THAT USAGI WILL WIN
FFFT!
HAHAHAHAHA
ENOUGH ALREADY!
RIDICULOUS!
hahaha...

HUH?
These beautiful muscles that I want to caress...
YEAH... I'M GOING TO RUN A BIT.
STILL WORKING OUT, SAKO?
DON'T WASTE ALL OF YOUR ENERGY BEFORE THE BOUT.
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
AHH!
I MANAGED TO GET HIM BECAUSE HE WAS SURPRISED.
I'LL NEED MORE THAN THAT TO BEAT HIM.
But that Usagi, what a fast reaction!
They aren't for his lover

It's because he's scared ...
That he builds a powerful armor around himself
Day after day, he trains himself
Because he's scared of death
DID YOU HEAR ME!? HE SAID I WAS UGLY!

HE MADE FUN OF ME!
If things are like this...
...then you don't need to take me in your arms!
Every-day he shakes with fear underneath his armor of muscles
Instead ...
I'VE GOT MY HATRED! NO ONE WILL TAKE ME DOWN!
Hey, today some crazy chick...
PLEASE. FOR ME. FOR MY SAKE. I'M ASKING YOU...

In this world where nothing goes the way I want it to...
...MASSACRE THEM ALL!
The muscles that men wear are also a lie
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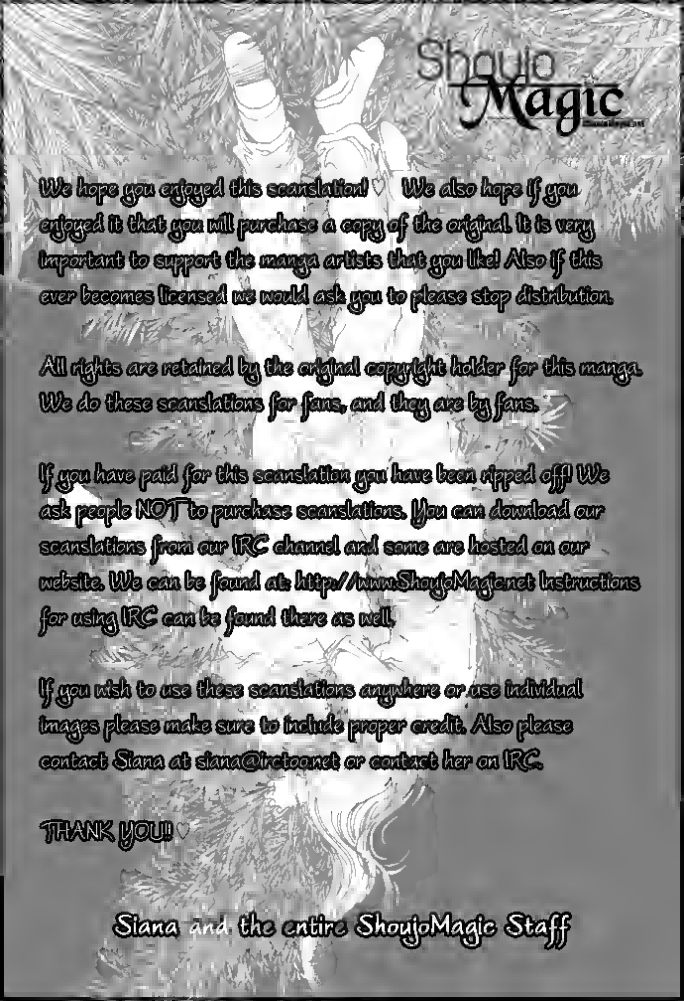

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